

February 27, 2006; Agenda Item No. 13

Resolution No. 06-15

RESOLUTION OF THE SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS CONSERVANCY AUTHORIZING A GRANT
OF PROPOSITION 50 FUNDS TO THE RANCHO SIMI RECREATION AND PARK DISTRICT FOR
ACQUISITION OF TAPO CANYON/MARR RANCH PROPERTY, APPROXIMATELY
158.36 ACRES, PORTION OF APN 620-0-320-075, SIMI VALLEY AREA,
UNINCORPORATED VENTURA COUNTY

WHEREAS, The State of California has authorized expenditure of funds from Proposition 50, the Water Quality, Supply and Safe Drinking Water Projects. Coastal Wetlands Purchase and Protection Act to the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy for capital outlay and grants to acquire and protect coastal wetlands and watersheds; and

WHEREAS, The Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District has requested a grant of \$975,000 for the acquisition of the Tapo Canyon/Marr Ranch remainder parcel of approximately 158.36 acres; and

WHEREAS, The Tapo Canyon/Marr Ranch property contains important upland habitat, riparian resources and watershed within the Calleguas Creek Watershed, a watershed important to the protection of Ventura County's coastal resources; and

WHEREAS, Tapo Canyon/Marr Ranch is included in the Conservancy's Land Acquisition Workprogram and is within the Rim of the Valley Trail Corridor; and

WHEREAS, Matching funds in the amount of \$300,000 are available from the Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District for the acquisition; and

WHEREAS, The grant for the acquisition of the property for conservation, protection, recreation, and interpretation is consistent with the purposes of Division 23 of the Public Resources Code; and

WHEREAS, The proposed action is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA); Now

Therefore Be It Resolved, That the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy hereby:

1. FINDS that the proposed action is consistent with the Santa Monica Mountains Comprehensive Plan and Rim of the Valley Trail Corridor Master Plan.
2. ADOPTS the staff report dated February 27, 2006 for this item.

3. AUTHORIZES the award of a grant in the amount of \$975,000 to the Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District for the acquisition of the subject property as described in the staff report dated February 27, 2006 relative to this item.
4. FURTHER AUTHORIZES the Executive Director or Chair to execute the grant agreement and to perform any and all acts necessary to carry out this resolution; such authority shall include, without limitation, those provisions he shall determine are necessary to carry out the purposes of this resolution and to comply with the policies of the Conservancy, and to otherwise carry out the provisions of state law and regulations.

~ End of Resolution ~

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing resolution was adopted at a meeting of the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy, duly noticed and held according to law, on the 27th day of February, 2006 at Simi Valley, California.

Dated:

Executive Director